

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 with the following paragraph:--

~~This objective is achieved by the invention, independently in each case, by means of the methods described in claims 1 to 4 and 26 and the systems described in claim 28 to 33.~~

According to one aspect of the present invention, the method of forming a corner region of a flat plate having side edges comprises the steps of folding down the side edges of the flat plate by a predetermined height from a plane in which the flat plate extends to form two intersecting side walls having free end faces and an excess projection in the corner region where the side walls intersect, placing the free end faces of the side walls on guide surfaces of bearing elements for the side walls, placing the excess projection between two cutting elements having cutting edges in alignment with the guide surfaces of the bearing elements, and separating the excess projection by displacing one of the cutting elements against the other cutting element.

Page 3, cancel the paragraph beginning on line 2.

Same page, replace the paragraph beginning on line 6 with the following paragraph:--

The This method outlined in claim 2 has the advantage of enabling the ~~projecting region~~ excess projection between the side edges of the side walls of the component flat plate to be cut off in the corner regions without burring. Due to the fact that the cutting elements can be displaced relative to one another in the same plane as the guide surface, any misalignment in the two side walls forming the corner region can be compensated in the upward direction as the ~~projecting area~~ excess projection is cut off, even if tolerances arise as a result of folding when making the side walls.

Same page, cancel the paragraph beginning on line 12.

Same page, cancel the paragraph beginning on line 15.

Same page, cancel the paragraph beginning on line 20.

Same page, cancel the paragraph beginning on line 22.

Same page, replace the paragraph beginning on line 24 with the following paragraph:--

~~The process sequence described in claim 27 ensures that the transition region of the side walls is not misaligned in the corner region. According to another aspect of this~~

invention, there is provided a system for forming a three-dimensional corner region of a flat plate, which comprises a tool having a top face and shaping surfaces adapted to form two folded-down intersecting side walls of the flat plate in the corner region, a clamping device for clamping the flat plate to the top face of the tool, and a roller system with a roll displaceably perpendicularly to the top face for folding down the side walls over a predetermined height from a plane in which the flat plate extends to form the two intersecting side walls having free end faces and an excess projection in the corner region where the side walls intersect. The system further comprises bearing elements for the side walls adapted to support the free end faces of the side walls on guide surfaces of bearing elements, and cutting elements having cutting edges in alignment with the guide surfaces of the bearing elements and arranged to receive the excess projection therebetween, one of the cutting elements being displaceable against the other cutting element to separate the excess projection.

Page 4, cancel the paragraph beginning on line 1.

Same page, replace the paragraph beginning on line 3 with the following paragraph:--

~~Claim 29~~ This system provides an advantageous arrangement in which the cutting elements exactly adjoin the actual contour of the side edges and can be adapted to projections in the transition region without having to be manually re-positioned.

Same page, cancel the paragraph beginning on line 6.

Same page, cancel the paragraph beginning on line 8.

Same page, cancel the paragraph beginning on line 11.

Same page, cancel the paragraph beginning on line 16.

Same page, cancel the paragraph beginning on line 19.

Same page, cancel the paragraph beginning on line 21.

Cancel the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5.

Page 5, cancel the paragraph beginning on line 3.